Constitution of Second Labour Commission

†347. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:
SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently declared the constitution of the Second Labour Commission;

(b) if so, the date on which the final decision to set up the Second Labour Commission was taken earlier;

(c) whether it is a fact that a time frame of two years have been fixed for the said Commission to submit its recommendations to Government; and

(d) if so, whether it is also a fact that the decision to constitute a Commission and to receive its recommendations will take a long time; if so, the time it will take?

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LAL): (a) & (b) The decision to set up the Second National Commission on Labour was taken on 24.12.1998 and the resolution setting up the Commission has been issued on 15.10.99.

(c) & (d) The Commission is required to make its recommendations as soon as practicable but not later than 24 months from the date of publication of resolution in the Gazette of India.

Central Legislation for the Welfare of the Agricultural Labour

348. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal to bring out a Central legislation for the welfare of the agricultural labour is long pending with the Union Government; and

(b) if so, what is its stage and what is Government's view on this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LAL): (a) and (b) A proposal for enacting a comprehensive law providing for regulation of employment and conditions of service of agricultural workers and for establishing of a welfare fund for financing various welfare activities has been drawn up. Final decision on the proposal has not yet been taken and the same is under Government's consideration.

Jobs Seekers registered with Employment Exchanges

†349. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that the number of job seeking youths registered with employment exchanges in the country has continuously been increasing over the years;

(b) if so, what has been the number of such job seekers during June-July, 1997, 1998 and 1999;

(c) whether these unemployed people have been provided with employment through the above employment exchanges; and

(d) if so, what is the number of those people who had been provided with jobs during the above years, year-wise.

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LAL): (a) and (b) The total number of job seekers all of whom are not necessarily unemployed, registered with the employment exchanges in the country as on 30th June, 1997, 1998 and 1999 were 38.0, 39.5 and 40.6 million respectively.

(c) and (d) The placement effected by the employment exchanges during the period July to June for the year 1996, 1997 and 1998 were 2.56, 2.53 and 2.26 lakh respectively.

Unemployed persons in the country

†350. SHRI ONKAR SINGH LAKHAWAT: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) What is the total number of unemployed persons in the country and whether Government have formulated any effective scheme to provide employment to them in a time bound manner; and

(b) If so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LAL): (a) and (b) The total number of job seekers, all of whom are not necessarily unemployed, registered with the employment exchanges as on 30th June 1999 was of the order of 40.59 million.

The primary objective of the Ninth Plan is to generate greater productive employment in the growth process itself by concentrating on sectors, sub-sectors and technologies which are more labour intensive in region characterised by higher rate of unemployment and under employment. Ninth Plan recognised the high incidence of unemployment and increasing casualisation of labour and has adopted a National Employment Assurance Scheme. A Task Force under the Chairmanship of Dr. M.S. Ahluwalia, Member, Planning Commission has been set up to look into the employment generation taking place and suggest measures to generate at least one hundred million jobs in a period of 10 years (Ten million in each year).

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